

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 463 – SB 494

March 28, 2017

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Authorizes members of the United States Armed Forces, stationed in another country, to designate a proxy to appear at their marriage ceremony. Authorizes such Armed Forces members to apply for a marriage license by submitting a notarized statement.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (005698): Deletes and rewrites the bill such that the only substantive changes are to: (1) authorize members of the United States Armed Forces, stationed in another country, to be married via video conferencing instead of by designating a proxy and (2) require such persons, when applying for a marriage license by notarized statement, to include certain documentation certifying their deployment.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Under current law, incarcerated inmates and persons with a disability are authorized to submit a notarized statement to apply for a marriage license, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 36-3-104(a).
- The proposed language would add persons serving in the United States Armed Forces, stationed in another country, to the list of individuals who may apply for a marriage license via notarized statement.
- There will be at least one marriage license application annually submitted by notarized statement that otherwise would not have been permitted without this legislation.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 8-21-701(1), § 36-6-413(b)(2), § 67-4-411(a), and § 67-4-505, various fees and taxes are assessed for the issuance of a marriage license; however, the total of all fees assessed and remitted to state and local government is not expected to exceed \$50 to either state or local government. As a result, any increase to state and local government revenue is considered not significant.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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